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Summary:

Max hasn't talked to her dad ever since she moved to Hawkins. Her step-dads an asshole. She has one wish for her birthday, to see her dad again.

1. I

Author's Note:

- Take you like a drug •

The Party walked up to Max's locker as she entered the school. They all had on little birthday hats, which she most definitely make fun of, and balloons. They each had little boxes with a present in it. The wrapping was done beautifully. Robin walked up to them. "You guys know she's late, right?"

Mike rolled his eyes. "That's why we're waiting! Goddamn it Billy, we told him to be on time!"

Just as Mike said that, a blue camero pulled into the parking lot. Robin chuckled, "you got your wish."

The group watched as Max walked out of the car and into the school. They noted that she looked upset. Billy was behind her, which was weird considering he finished with school.

"Max!" He called after her. Max groaned and turned around. He got on one knee in front of her. He said something to her that wasn't audible to the party, but it must've been good since it made her smile.

She turned and walked to her group, smiling brightly. Billy left, shaking his head and laughing. "He-"

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY!" Her friends all screamed. Max laughed at them. "What are you guys wearing!"

"Party hats!" El smiled warmly. The ginger shook her head as her boyfriend wrapped her in a tight hug. "Happy birthday." He said softly into her hair. Max blushed as she hugged back, feeling the kiss on her head.

"We got you presents!" Will said softly. Max pulled away from Lucas, smiling at him. "I can see that bowl head." She chuckled at his pout. "Who's first?"

She smiled at all the gifts. Lucas had gotten her a helmet, because this girl got way too many concussions in the past month, that was customized. It said 'MADMAX' in big, red letters. Dustin got her a dnd guide so she can start to play with them. Will, since his family didn't have enough money, drew a lovely picture of her. El had gotten her a charm bracelet. Max never wore jewelry, but she would start because of this one. It had three charms. A waffle, symbolizing El, a skateboard because of Max, and a shopping bag for the first time they hung out. El had a matching one.

"Hey Wheeler."

"Just shut up and open it."

Max sighed and opened the box carefully. Inside was a note. Her brows furrowed in confusion. "If this is some kind of-

"Just read it!"

"Pack your bags? Seriously? What the fuck is this?!"

"You'll know more as it unfolds, Maxine."

The girl huffed and walked to class after shoving everything in her locker. The group looked at Mike with angry eyes.

"I thought we agreed not to tell her this way!" Dustin said, throwing his hands in the air.

"My idea, my way of giving her the gift." Mike said sassily.

"Fine! Let's just get through the day. Billy knows, right?"

"Billy's coming!"

"Wait who else is coming besides us?" Will asked curiously.

"Robin and Steve." Dustin said after thinking about it.

"Okay, after school Max and I will go pack her stuff."

"Okay great. El, don't tell her anything, okay? This has to be a

surprise. You have the list of things she needs to pack right?"

El nodded, taking out a pink paper from her bag. "Sunscreen, tooth brush, hair brush, clothes, bathing suits, shoes, is that it?"

"Yeah, Billy can help you. Now come on, we don't wanna be late for class." Lucas smiled brightly at his friends.

2. II

Notes for the Chapter:

- You ask me what I'm thinking about •

Max sighed as she dragged the suit case downstairs. "If this is your guys idea of some sick joke it isn't funny!" Billy walked over to them. "Alright shitbird, let's get your stuff in the car and go."

"Go? Where are we going?"

"Shh," El said as she blindfolded her best friend.

"El! El stop! What the fuck are you doing?!" Max said frantically as her hands searched for something to grab. Billy held both her hands. "Chill shitbird! You're gonna be fine!"

El giggled as she led Max out the door and into the car. Max sighed as she felt the trunk close. The car rumbled to life. "You two ready to go?"

"Go where?!" The only response she got was the car speeding down the road. They finally came to a stop. "Can I take it off now?"

"No." She heard Billy and El say in unison. Max huffed as she crossed her arms. "Stay in the car." El told her. "Wai-" two doors opened and closed.

She decided to sneak a little peak. Okay, they were at Mike's house. There were two big white vans. Holy shit, were they kidnapping her? No, that's stupid. Unless...

She saw all her friends putting suit cases in the vans. Okay so they weren't kidnapping her. Was something going on? Does it have anything to do with the upside-down? Max put her blindfold back on when she saw Billy walking towards the car.

She heard the door opening then felt Billy grab her. "Where're you taking me?!" She yelled as he pushed her into another car. "Hello?! What the fuck is going on?!"

"Shut up!" She heard some of her friends say. Okay, she heard Mike, El, Lucas, and Billy.

"It's not normal to get kidnapped on your birthday by your friends!"

"Jesus, Max, we're not kidnapping you!"

"That's what everyone says!"

"Hey, leprechaun, shut up!" Mike growled.

"I'm gonna kill you, Wheeler."

"I'd like to see you try!"

"Shut up!" The rest of their friends yelled.

"Max just, take a nap or something."

"I don't need a nap!"

"Yes you do! Your cranky."

"Shut up Billy! I'm not a baby!"

"Then shut the fuck up and chill out!"

Max huffed, leaning her head on the window and letting sleep take over.

Notes for the Chapter:

- I tell you what I'm thinking about •

3. III

Notes for the Chapter:

- Whatever you're thinking about •

Max woke up when she felt the door slam close. "Where are we?" She asked tiredly as she felt someone pick her up. "We're just taking a short stop to sleep." She heard her brother say softly. "M'kay." She mumbled as she fell asleep again.

The ginger sighed happily as she sunk into the mattress. The birds were chirping merrily and the sun peaked out from the curtains. She opened her eyes only to be met with darkness. She groaned, turning over on her side.

"Morning!" She heard El say cheerfully. "No." El tilted her head in confusion. "I brought food!" Max sighed, "what kind?"

"Pancakes!"

"Only?"

"They're chocolate pancakes!"

"And?"

"Chocolate milk!"

"That's it?"

"Strawberries too!"

"Gimmie!"

El giggled as she sat on the bed handing Max the plate. Max picked up her fork, starting to eat.

"El?" Max asked innocently.

"Yes?"

"You're my best friend, right?"

"Always!"

"Can you tell me what's going on?"

"No."

"Why not?"

"Present."

Max was confused at this. Present? What does kidnapping her have to do with a present?

"Who's present?"

"Mike's!"

Of course it was Mike's idea. He's been trying to kick her out of the party for a while now. Maybe this is his idea of dropping her off on the road and leaving. But why on her birthday?

"Why?"

"He wants to ap-olo-gize?"

Max smiled softly. He wasn't trying to hurt her, he wanted to give her a good gift to apologize for being an ass. Just then the door burst open.

"Hey girls, time to go!"

Notes for the Chapter:

- Tell me something that I'll forget •

4. IV

Notes for the Chapter:

- And you might have to tell me again •

Billy dragged Max to the car once again. "Can someone tell me where we're going now?"

"Nope!"

"Lucas! I swear to God-"

"Don't worry, we're just on a little road trip."

Max huffed and rested her head on his shoulder. "I hate you so much right now."

Lucas smiled softly, "I know."

He played with strands of her hair, braiding and un-braiding them. The boy looked over at Mike and El, who were talking quietly.

"Hey Billy, how much longer? I have to pee." El said softly. Billy looked at her through the mirror, "just a little longer, El. We'll be there soon."

"Be where?" Max asked, obviously agitated.

"Somewhere."

"You guys should count yourselves lucky Hop isn't here!"

"Mhm and why are we worried about Hopper?" Billy asked with a slight smirk.

"Because I could report you for kidnapping!"

Billy let out a loud laugh, "Max I don't think it would be kidnapping if I'm considered your parent."

"Lucas tell him I'm right."

"I'm warning you, bud."

Lucas chuckled nervously as he looked between the two siblings.

"I uh I-"

"Save your breath kid, we're here."

Max felt herself being grabbed at and pulled out of the car. Someone, who she assumed was Lucas, walked her to a spot and left her there.

"What the fuck?! Guys! What is going on?!"

Mike smirked as he walked up to the door and rang the doorbell. "Take off your blindfold, Max." He whispered in her ear before walking away. Max ripped off her blindfold, gasping when she saw the man in front of her.

"Dad?"

Notes for the Chapter:

- It's crazy what you'll do for a friend •

- A

Author's Note:

- I taste you on my tongue •

- A